

BUSIEST WOMAN IN ST. LOUIS LAST WEEK SPENT FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ON ONE DAY'S SHOPPING TOUR.



The busiest woman in St. Louis last week was Mrs. Lyman Trumbull Hay of Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Hay is the wife of the proprietor of the Arlington Hotel and Hotel Eastman at Hot Springs, who also will be the manager of the new Hotel Jefferson when it opens its broad doors to the visitors to the World's Fair in St. Louis next April.

Typically, of course, Mr. Lyman Hay is the head and front of all these enterprises, but when it comes to decorating the million and one essential articles that go into the furnishing of a 400-room hotel, such as a modern hotel contains, Mrs. Hay freely acknowledges that she would be lost in a minute but for the fact, the ability and executive genius of Mrs. Hay.

That is why Mrs. Hay, who was on his way to Chicago, came as far as St. Louis on Wednesday with Mrs. Hay. She had gone so far and done so well, however, that Mrs. Hay had no hesitation in proceeding to Chicago Thursday, to leave Mrs. Hay to finish her purchases in St. Louis alone.

Ladies who wait for Monday or Friday morning remnant sales would have stood aghast at Mrs. Hay's shopping tour. In the big St. Louis stores Wednesday. Persons who have gone through the experience of furnishing a party little home know something of the vicissitudes of that sort of recreation.

What would such a modest little housekeeper think of consulting architects about the minutest details of a four-story hotel, of hurrying up the electrical engineer who wants details for lamps and chandeliers for 400 rooms, of dealing with the decorators on tapestries that are to be made in France, of selecting hundreds of dozens of table cloths, house linen, napkins, table covers and doilies, which must be ordered to-day, that they may have the cost of arms woven into each separate piece in Ireland, and be ready for use at a certain day next spring?

Yet these and a hundred other things Mrs. Hay was able to do one hot day last week, and sit, cool and collected, on the veranda of the Southern at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and eat deliciously of the St. Louis storekeepers for their amiability and good temper.

HANDICRAFT OF ALL HOTELS.

"Well, I think it is going to be just the handiest and loveliest hotel on the American Continent, of course," said Mrs. Hay to The Republic.

"I have never seen anything like the way the architects, furnishers and decorators and every one else connected with the work are going at things. If it were their own private home I know they could not take greater interest in the work."

"And the storekeepers, too, are more than running out the orders we have been able to give. Worry? No, I don't have much time to worry. Perhaps, it is easier to buy napkins by the hundred dozen, and select carpets, and kitchen ranges, and cutlery, in proportion, than it is to search remnant counters for lamp shades, and doilies, and table cloths, and a few little things like that."

WILL BUY IN ST. LOUIS.

"There is a lot of furniture to be looked after yet. We want to get as much as we can in St. Louis, but may perhaps have to rely on the Grand Rapids manufacturers for some of it. I shall select about two chairs, 253 bureaus, 250 double beds, 125 lounges, 200 writing desks, 25 rockers, 20 or 30 straight back chairs, 20 double arm chairs, 45 bedroom tables, 1000 dozen hall and bed room curtains, 200 morning chairs, about 20 pictures for the hall and room."

"It is pretty hard to say what we don't want. I almost overlooked 40 or 50 metal match safes to-day. It takes a good deal of care, even when you think you have your shopping list made out, in fitting a hotel, you know."

"There is so much difference in little things, you see. For instance, I had my heart set on crystal door knobs. Mr. Barnett, the architect, called my attention to the fact, however, that if we would use gun-metal knobs about the third floor I could save at \$1500 in the decorations of the ladies' cafe, for instance."

"You see, that first floor is going to be a big job. The decorations of the ladies' cafe there will be nothing in the way of magnificence to excel it in New York or out of it. The ladies' reception room, which I am sure no European diplomat at the fair can criticize, is my special pet. It is to be of Louis XIV style, of course. The room effects are perfectly exquisite, with its finest French walnut furniture, magnificent Aubusson upholstery and heavy gold-framed chairs. The walls are to be of Louis XIV fabric, overlaid with scenic effects of the same period."

"The library I am having done in French walnut with Pontebian tapestry, which is being made in France. The room is to be heavily wainscoted, the ceiling being in heavy relief of work with high moldings. The carpet, being of heavy, being especially woven abroad. I have been going through the entire plan with Mr. Barnett today, though much of the work is already under way."

THE ATTRACTIVE LOBBY.

FACTS ABOUT MRS. HAY'S SHOPPING DAY.

Arrived in St. Louis from Hot Springs, Ark., 6 a. m.
Breakfasted at Southern Hotel 7:30 a. m.
Visited Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, consulted details of plans for Hotel Jefferson till 1:30 p. m.
Consulted electrical engineer, selecting designs for hundreds of incandescent lamp globes and chandeliers till 1:30 p. m.
Purchased hundreds of dozens of sets of household linen of special design, 12:30 p. m.
Gave minute directions as to details of interior decorations for every portion of house, till 2:30 p. m.
Selected and purchased hundreds of beds, writing desks and all descriptions of household furniture, 2:30 p. m.
Bought cooking ranges, table cutlery (by the dozen gross), 4:30 p. m.
Found time to praise activity of St. Louis storekeepers and give interview to The Republic, 5:30 p. m.
Amount of day's purchases, about \$40,000.
Expected to expend about \$25,000.

The gentlemen must not think they have the best of it.

"Yes, we are getting some cutlery, too. I shall have to have 1200 teaspoons, about 1200 tablespoons, 250 knives of various kinds, 3 sets of teaspoons of 120 each, 20 dozen forks of various kinds, and a quarter of a million napkins. I think the list is too long for one newspaper. It begins with six fire ranges and runs through the entire gamut, jelly molds, coffee boilers, grills—everything down to nutmeg graters by the dozen."

"Cost! Well, I ought not to talk about cost. I tell you, it makes the checks fly. Ten or twenty thousand dollars go by lunch time, and maybe twenty more by night. We thought we should make a quarter of a million put the Jefferson into order to open the register with. Mr. Hay is going up to Chicago to buy a few billiard tables and things. Maybe we had better not talk about the total till he comes back."

YOUNG WOMEN WILL SELL NEWSPAPER SOUVENIRS AT THE LABOR CARNIVAL.



MISS GEYLA GREEN.

Who will sell souvenirs at the Labor Carnival for the benefit of St. Louis newshybs.

The management of the St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Carnival and Exposition has set aside Friday, July 21, as "Newspaper Day," when editions and souvenirs of the papers of St. Louis will be sold by the artists taking part in the carnival. The proceeds of these sales will be given to the Newshybs Union.

Great Offerings in Perfect Goods AND LIMITED LINES OF WATER-DAMAGED GOODS.

Fresh, perfect, seasonable goods will be sold this week at prices below anything ever attempted on like qualities. The purchase of water-damaged goods from HARGADINE-MCKITTRICK DRY GOODS CO. and others (damage caused by the East St. Louis flood) will be placed on sale to-morrow at such ridiculous prices that not an item should be left by evening. Every item mentioned here justifies your consideration and attention. Be prompt to avoid disappointment. Some lots are limited. All go on sale to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.



The Items in This Square Are Water Damaged.

Some very slight—scarcely noticeable—one washing will put them in perfect condition.

PIQUES, 4 1/2c. Slightly soiled and wet in transit, but they are 20c and 25c qualities—both white and cream—lengths from 2 to 7 yards each—while they last, yard.		INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S CAPS. Of fine French Mull and Swiss—nicely trimmed—some of embroidery, others of Val. lace—soiled as a result of being wet—39c to 75c values—while 50 dozen last, each.	
4 1/2c		15c	
Twill Prints— The goods—these are the best—heavy and serviceable, but have had some a little water-soaked and are slightly mottled from handling while crying—Monday at 8 a. m.	Unbleached Muslin— 16 grade, but very slightly wet at yard.	220 Wash Petticoats— 175 Sateen Petticoats—\$1.00 and \$1.25 values—wonderful bargains—of best materials—while they last.	Men's All-Wool and Half-Wool Flannel Shirts— In indigo blue, green, slate, red and brown colors—slightly water-stained—if perfect worth \$1.00 and \$1.25—while 50 dozen last, at pair.
5c	49c	46c	59c
3 Cases Dimities and Batistes— Good 10c and 12c kind—were a little water-soaked, but you would hardly detect it—they include all the new styles and patterns as above—while they last at yard.	312 Summer Lawn Wrappers— \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50 values—double ruffled flounces—low neck—fancy sleeves—near patterns—while they last.	Men's Shirts— Soft negligees—Oxford, madras, pongee, Jacquard woven and all high-grade goods—worth \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00—some of the best makers—boxes were wet and damaged in transit—while one tableful lasts, each.	Men's Half Hose— Fast black, full regular; slightly water-soaked, worth regularly 15c—last, at pair.
4c	93c	50c	4c
1 Case Towels— Fringed huck, size 18x40—a towel bought to sell at 15c each—because of their getting slightly wet—Monday at 8 a. m.	Shirt-Waist Suits & Wash Skirts— About 20 suits and 25 skirts—worth three and four times to-morrow's selling price—while they last.	Men's Flannelette and Cassimere Shirts— Indigo-blue striped—genuine St. Louis—slightly water-stained—always 75c—while 22 dozen last, each.	Men's Balbriggan Drawers— Assorted lot—some what damaged—worth, if perfect, 25c and 35c—while 50 dozen last, at pair.
5c	49c	19c	5c
140 Ladies' Shirt Waists— 20c, 25c and 30c values—it's like giving them away—colors all white—chance for the first 500 customers—Monday, while they last.	112 Children's Wash Dresses— \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values—good assortment of sizes—splendid materials—while they last.		Men's Drilling Drawers— With knit bottoms—genuine B. V. D. cut—worth 50c—sizes up to 34 waist—slightly water-soaked—while 28 dozen last, at pair.
19c	53c		19c

Finest Wash Goods

Regular prices have been smashed to smithereens in our endeavor to rapidly reduce these heavy stocks. The finest imported Madras, Oxford, Lawns, Batistes and Organzies, in the newest and most fashionable concepts—to go at these crowd-inducing prices:

75c Wash Goods—Clean-Up	39c
65c Wash Goods—Clean-Up	35c
55c Wash Goods—Clean-Up	25c
45c Wash Goods—Clean-Up	19c
35c Wash Goods—Clean-Up	15c

Clean-Up Sale of Hosiery and Underwear.

Ladies' Black Lisle Thread Hose—All over lace to toe—worth 25c—Clean-Up Price.	19c
Ladies' Imported Lisle Thread Hose—All over lace to toe—Hemstitch black—always 50c—Clean-Up Price.	35c
Ladies' White Vests—Swiss rib, low neck, no sleeves—silk ribbon trimmed—worth 19c—Clean-Up Price.	12 1/2c
Ladies' White Vests—Low neck, no sleeves—trimmed with lace or with lace yoke—worth 25c and 35c—Clean-Up Price.	19c

Ladies' Muslin Undergarments

Now going at prices that barely cover the cost of the material.	
Ladies' Flannel Drawers—Well made—full length—edged with wide embroidery—regular 35c values—Clean-Up Price.	38c
Ladies' Chemise Gowns—Full length and with neck and sleeves trimmed with lace—regular 45c value—Clean-Up Price.	44c
Ladies' Umbrella Skirts—Of good muslin—pretty trimmed with Val. lace and embroidery—regular 65c value—Clean-Up Price.	65c
Ladies' \$1.98 Gowns, 94c—Nainsook and Cambric gowns—all finely made—full length and with wide and handsome trim—made to sell for \$2 and \$3—your choice Monday at the clean-up price of.	94c

CLEAN-UP SALE OF Laces and Embroideries.

Four of the snappiest bargains of the season are bulletined for to-morrow.

Cluny Laces—several different designs and widths of bands in white, cream and linen shades—25c values.

Fancy Val. Lace All-Over—In figures and stripes—thread run designs—full widths—25c to 35c values.

Val. Laces—15 yards to the bolt—edges, insertions and ribbon headings—regular value 25c per bolt.

Embroidery Edgings and Insertions—effective patterns—flamboyant and Swiss—wide and beautiful needlework designs—25c values.

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A Shirt-Waist Slaughter

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Clean-Up Sale of Summer Silks.

Three pronounced bargains for Monday.

19-inch White Habutail Silk—the washable kind—a grand 50c quality—Clean-Up Price.

19-inch Black Silk Taffeta—a rich, lustrous fabric—that is well worth 50c a yard—Clean-Up Price.

44-inch Black Silk Grenadines—very neat designs—a positive 80c quality—Clean-Up Price.

25c

39c

63c

Clean-Up Sale of Ladies' Neckwear.

50c Neck Pieces 25c.

The above announcement tells you that prices for Monday have been sacrificed precisely one-half. We've too many Neck Pieces on hand and take this means of closing them out.

50c pieces of this season's smartest contents in Stocks and Top Collars—all the new thin and lacy materials in the latest combinations and plain colors—every one clean, perfect and regularly worth 50c—Monday at 25c—choice at.

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